

Lead/Copper Sample Collection Procedures (Nontransient Noncommunity Systems)

Please read thoroughly.

These samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in the drinking water at this facility. This sampling effort is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Mississippi, and is being accomplished through your cooperation.

Collect samples from a faucet that has not been used for a minimum of six (6) hours. Because of this requirement, the best time to collect samples is early in the morning. **Be sure to use faucets that have been in general use by your facility for the past few months. Collecting samples from rarely used faucets may produce erroneous results.** The collection procedure is described below.

1. Important! There must be a minimum of six (6) hours during which there is no water used from the faucet the sample is taken from and any faucets adjacent or close to that faucet. We recommend early morning sampling. This ensures that the necessary water conditions exist.
2. Cold-water faucets are to be used for sampling. If you have water softeners on your system, collect your sample from a faucet that is not attached to a water softener, if possible. Place the opened sample bottle below the faucet and gently open the cold-water faucet. Fill the sample bottle to the top, just before overflow and turn off the water.
3. Tightly cap the sample bottle and using a ball point pen, print all the information requested on the sample label. The labels provided are pressure sensitive dual labels.
4. *IF ANY PLUMBING REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT HAVE BEEN DONE SINCE THE PREVIOUS SAMPLING EVENT, NOTE THIS INFORMATION IN THE COMMENTS SECTION OF THE LABEL. IN ADDITION, IF YOUR SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED FROM A FAUCET WITH A WATER SOFTENER, NOTE THIS AS WELL.*
5. Results from this monitoring effort, specifically if excessive lead/copper levels are found, will be provided to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please contact the MS State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply 601.576.7518.